

## **Leveraging Investments in Latin America**

### The Role of Microfinance & Public-Private Sector Partnerships in Latin America

10am-11am, Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>  
Congressional Meeting Room North  
Capitol Visitors Center

In Latin America, an estimated 600 microfinance institutions have lent \$12.3 billion to 10.5 million borrowers. Small loans averaging \$1,200 have transformed low-income individuals -- particularly women -- across the hemisphere into microentrepreneurs contributing to their local and global economies. By harnessing the power of both public and private sector partners, microfinance institutions focus on funding strategic investments that move people out of poverty by building up local financial capacity and reducing dependence on foreign assistance.

Join Congressman Farr at 10am on Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss the state of microfinance in Latin America and how strategic US assistance can yield a high return on taxpayer investment by promoting financial inclusion and economic security.

#### **Panelists**

Robert Kaplan  
President & CEO, Inter-American Foundation

Dr. Nancy Lee  
General Manager, Multilateral Investment Fund  
Inter-American Development Bank

#### **Moderator**

Curt Tarnoff  
Specialist in Foreign Policy  
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*Leveraging Investments in Latin America* is part of an on-going monthly briefing series called *Latin America on the Rise*

, which brings in a diversity of speakers to address emerging and emergent issues in the hemisphere. If you have any questions, please contact Caitie Whelan (

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